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ESTABLISHED 1881.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS  
ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the  
UNITED ASBESTOS COM-  
PANY, LTD. LONDON.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
General Agents.

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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1898.

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廿一月七英港

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

**Banks.**  
THE  
YOKOHAMA SPECIAL BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 9,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... 6,660,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.  
KOBE NEW YORK  
LONDON LYONS  
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU  
BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
PARIS BANK, LTD.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent  
per Annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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" " 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... £1,000,000

Paid up Capital ..... £ 643,744

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Compt. of Directors—  
D. Gilles, Esq.  
J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per  
Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [3]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £ 8,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... £10,000,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

R. M. GRAV, Deputy Chairman.

C. Beermann, Esq.

David Gubay, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.

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A. I. Raymond, Esq. N. A. Sicks, Esq.

Chief Manager,  
T. JACKSON, Esq.

Manager:

Shanghai—J. P. Wade Gardner, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 per Cent. per Annum.

For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [6]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK,

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per  
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of £100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS ..... £800,000

RESERVE FUND ..... £450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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" " 3 " 2 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.  
No. 6, 1st House Street, Praya Central.

Head Office—TOKIO.

Branch Office—

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOMBAY,

SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN,

NEWCHWANG, and all Ports in JAPAN.

Agencies—

Mitsui Coal Mines,

Okuma Coal Mines.

Kanda Coal Mines.

Tokyo Marine Insurance Co., Limited.

Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Imperial Government Paper Mills, Japan.

Cotton Cleaning and Wdg. Co., Shanghai.

Onoda Cement Company, Japan.

Kanegafuchi Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.

The Milk Cotton Spinning Mill, Limited.

Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.

Hayashi Clock Factory.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1898. [45]

## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(10)

FOR STREAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
JAPAN, &c. .... *Borneo* .... A. W. Symon, R.N.R. .... About 22nd July .... Freight or Passage.  
LONDON, &c. .... *Ballaarat* .... C. L. W. Field .... Noon, 23rd July .... Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN .... *Rosita* .... E. P. Bishop .... 6 P.M., 23rd July .... Freight or Passage.  
LONDON .... *Shanghai* .... R. A. Peters .... About 23rd July .... Freight or Passage.  
STRAITS, &c. .... *Brindisi* .... C. H. Watkins, R.N.R. .... About 23rd July .... Freight only.  
LONDON .... *Magazan* .... E. G. Andrews .... About 29th July .... Freight only.

(Passing through the Inland Sea). (See Special Advertisement).  
(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offered.)

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, [5]

Hongkong, 18th July, 1898.

JUST LANDED.

### KUPPER'S PILSENER BEER.

The most popular of light Beers: there is never any sediment in KUPPER BEER, it is always bright and sparkling.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
Sole Agents.

15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1898.

D. C. L.

OLD TOM GIN ..... \$7 per doz.  
DRY GIN ..... 7 "

Owing to our holding sole bottling rights from the DISTILLERS CO., LTD. we are able to offer  
HIGH-CLASS GINS at above LOW PRICE.

H. PRICE & CO.,  
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS, NO. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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## CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

### THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.  
The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, [36]

Yokohama, 1st October, 1898.

### W. POWELL & CO.

FOR  
BATH BLANKETS,  
BATH GOWNS,  
BATH TOWELS.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1898.

## Intimations.

### UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY. LIMITED.

(10)

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,  
FOR THE  
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,  
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.  
MANUFACTURERS OF THE  
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.  
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS.  
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.  
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.  
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT, THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

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## PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION.  
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.  
J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

CRAIGIEBURN is now open, for terms apply to  
CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. [38]

MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER, HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1898. [39]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [39]

NOTICE.

I SAY! HERE'S SOMETHING GOOD.

THE OLD MAN'S ON DECK AGAIN</

Today's  
Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
(for various Accounts),  
at his Sales Rooms, 25, Poland Street, No. 2.

ON  
MONDAY, the 25th July, 1898,

Commencing at 4.45 P.M.

A QUANTITY OF  
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(Comprising:-

TAPESTRY COVERED EASY CHAIRS  
AND SOFAS, ROUND AND SQUARE  
TABLES, WASHING STANDS, DOUBLE  
AND SINGLE IRON BEDSTEDS, CHESTS  
OF DRAWERS, SIDEBOARDS, TOILET  
TABLES, CHAIRS, CARPETS, PICTURES,  
ORNAMENTS, GLASS WARE, PLATED  
WARE, &c., &c., &c.

Also

One REMINGTON TYPEWRITER, with  
Stand.  
One HAMMOND TYPEWRITER.  
One REMINGTON TYPEWRITER with  
double Case.

One Large KEROSINE STOVE—Complete.

One LADY'S BYCICLE—New.

One CHILD'S PERAMBULATOR.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale.

On View at the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [859]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO.

THE Company's Steamship  
"TAMSUI."

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [864]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"FOOCHOW."

Captain Smale, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [877]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"C'INGTU."

Captain Jones, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [888]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA STRAITS.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates for LIVERPOOL,  
GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER  
PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship  
"CHINGWO."

Captain H. C. Harris, will be despatched as  
above on or about the 15th August.  
For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [886]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"PARRAMATTA."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., ex S.S. Australia.  
From Australia, ex S.S. Oceania.  
From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. Simla and  
Khandala.

Optional goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before 4  
P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.,  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the  
Godowns and a certificate of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company within ten  
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which  
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [885]

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship  
"KNIGHT TEMPLAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered on alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining  
on board after 2 P.M. of the 23rd instant will  
be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into  
the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wan Chai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and  
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE  
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1898. [885]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a  
qualified English Chemist and will bear compari-  
son with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MASSSES and  
LARGE CONSUMERS.

My compliments should be addressed to the  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [80]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG  
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY  
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF

AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manu-  
facture are sold throughout the  
Far East and are invariably pre-  
ferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.  
The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those  
charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are  
acknowledged by the leading English  
makers to be equal to those of their  
own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B.,  
D.C.L., P.R.S., &c., &c. the greatest  
living authority on Water, reports as  
follows on the water as prepared and  
used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high de-  
gree of organic purity and is  
of most excellent quality for  
drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1898. [80]

BIRTH.

On the 12th Inst., at Woodstock, the wife of  
REGT. A. J. BIDWELL, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

ACCIDENT TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE  
OF WALES.

LONDON, July 10th.

The Prince of Wales whilst staying with  
Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild at Waddesdon  
slipped on the staircase and has fractured his  
knee.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Peace negotiations are not admitted officially  
either at Washington or Madrid.

The American operations in Manila and  
Havana will probably be postponed to Septem-  
ber until after the rains.

Commodore Watson sails at the end of the  
week for Spain with the special American  
squadron.

FRANCE.

M. Zola and M. Peroux, have each been  
sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to a  
fine of francs 3,000.

GOOD NEWS!

We are informed that the Secretary of State  
of the Colonies has agreed to the proposition of  
the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for an increased  
issue of Bank notes.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On  
the 21st at 11.30 a.m. the barometer has  
again fallen in the extreme North and another  
depression is probably advancing from the con-  
tinent towards the N. part of the Sea of Japan.  
On the China coast pressure is unchanged and  
remains near the normal, but indications of the  
existence of a slight depression in the middle  
part of the China Sea are more marked this  
morning. Gradients slight, mainly for S.E.  
winds, on the China coast. FORECAST.—

Windings of S.E. winds (equally) shivery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamship *Beverus* reports having spoken  
H.M.S. *Daphne* in Hainan Straits. She desired  
to be reported "all well."

THE Court of Appeal will give judgment in the  
Po-wan-Kwangles collision case at the Supreme  
Court at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

THE N. Y. K. S. S. *Hakata Maru* has been  
granted a certificate entitling her to a bounty  
for one year under the Navigation Encour-  
agement Law.

The tea market in Yokohama was very active  
on 6th and 7th inst., 7,224 pieces changing hands  
during the two days. Quotations advanced one  
yen on an average.

THE Hospital ship *Higata*, which has been  
undergoing an overhaul at the hands of the  
Dock Company, was to-day towed to her usual  
anchorage at the head of Stonecutter's Island.

MANY of the highest dignitaries of the Korean  
Government are suspected of having plotted to  
dethrone the Emperor. Some of the alleged  
conspirators have been arrested and others have  
fled.

THE Band and Drummers of the "King's Own"  
Regiment will play the following programme,  
and Military Tattoo, on the H.K.C.C. Grounds,  
to-morrow, commencing at 8.15 p.m.

PROGRAMME

Descriptive place.....Turkish Patrol.....Michaels

Dance.....Dances Dreams.....Brown

"Reminiscence of All Nations".....(Bands)

Galop.....Dash.....Abo

Descriptive place.....Voyage of Friendship.....Miller

Tattoo (to Commence at 8.15 p.m.)

A MATAV was swimming across the Sungai  
Gedong river a few days back, for the purpose of  
collecting some firewood in the adjacent  
jungle, when a large crocodile seized him by the  
thigh and at once attempted to drag him under  
the water's surface. The man, however, retained  
his presence of mind and promptly aimed a  
blow with a small hatchet he was carrying at  
one of the reptile's eyes. The blow took effect  
and the blinded crocodile let go its hold and  
made off down the stream. The Malay was  
taken to the local hospital and is recovering  
from his wounds.

RECENTLY a Siamese man enticed a boy of ten  
years away from his home, and made him a  
prisoner. Then with the aid of a confederate he  
tried to sell him, the price he wanted being 60  
bahts. But negotiations had to be conducted  
quietly, and Bangkok people did not rise to  
the bait at all. Nobody seemed to want to  
buy a boy. At last the precious pair  
heard of a Chinaman who wished to get a  
boy to send to his parents in China, and who  
was willing to pay 200 taels for a good-looking  
youngster. They approached this Chinaman  
through one of his friends, Na Choo, who was  
not very long in finding out that they had stolen  
the child. He thereupon gave information to  
the police and the men were arrested the child  
being also recovered.

THE most interesting feature in the report  
of the deputy master of the Mint, is that  
relating to the issue of the Jubilee  
medals last year. The demand for these not  
only exceeded the expectations of the authorities  
but, moreover, for a time at least, the capacity for  
production. The total number of Jubilee  
medals issued to the public reaches the large  
number of 338,795, of which 23,182 were in  
gold and 375,625 in silver, the balance being in  
bronze. With the exception of these last-named  
all the medals ordered have been delivered, not  
withstanding that certain peculiarities in the  
design necessitated very slow manufacture.  
There are still 17,400 bronze medals which have  
to be supplied. The total number of coins of  
the realm struck during 1897 shows a marked  
decrease as compared with previous years, the  
gold issued in sovereigns and half sovereigns  
amounting only to £1,784,437, as compared with  
£4,808,860 in 1896, and the silver and bronze  
showing a proportionate diminution. This fact  
is probably due to the very heavy output of the  
past ten years, which has apparently satisfied all  
requirements for the present, the mean issue of  
gold coins from 1887 to 1896 being £6,331,778.

THE LIU-HAN RAILWAY.

According to a Peking despatch of 1st Inst., an  
agreement has been concluded by the Chinese  
Government with the Belgian Synd

THE POWERS AND CHINA.

In the House of Lords, on Friday, June 17th, Lord Connewiss asked the Prime Minister whether any reply had been received from Sir Claude MacDowall to the despatch from his lordship, dated April 4, 1898, with respect to the desire of the Chinese Government to reform their military and naval forces; and whether any reply had been received by Her Majesty's Government to the inquiry addressed by telegraph to Sir Claude MacDowall with respect to the concession given some time ago to a Belgian syndicate for a line uniting Pekin with the Yang-tze. The Chinese had asked Her Majesty's Government for officers, and Her Majesty's Government sympathized entirely with the desire of the Chinese Government to reform both their military and naval services. The Emperor was said to control more than a million of armed men. His war expenditure amounted to between ten and twenty millions sterling. But China had always relegated her army to an inferior position, though she had often shown that her sons possessed plenty of courage. He very much feared that the dismemberment of China had already commenced in Manchuria. The only thing that could arrest that dismemberment was the reform of the military and naval forces of the Empire. In regard to the second question, it was clear that their able and vigilant representative in China, Sir Claude MacDowall, acting, no doubt, on the instructions of the noble marquis, had already directed his attention to the newly policy with respect to the negotiations of the two Governments, which had lately characterized the Chinese Government.

The Marquis of Salisbury: We have received no direct reply to the telegram of April 4th, but further communications have passed between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of China with respect to the reorganization both of the Chinese navy and the Chinese army. With respect to the Chinese navy, I think our negotiations are more advanced, and we have every hope that the distinguished officer who has already performed valuable duties in that service will make arrangements with the Chinese Government by which we shall be able to continue to help them to reorganize their navy. Your lordships will readily understand that, although there is on our part the utmost willingness to facilitate any undertaking of this kind, we cannot succeed unless there is also a willingness on the part of the Chinese Government to accept our assistance, and the difficulty has hitherto been, not that they will not accept our assistance, but that they will not give, or have not been willing to give, a sufficiently independent position to the officers who are sent out. Until we can wholly overcome that reluctance, my hopes of a very satisfactory issue are not very sanguine. Of course, it is a concession, if one can call it, a concession, which they are very naturally unwilling to offer, and we must endeavor to make the matter as easy for them as we can. But we cannot conceal from ourselves that, unless a free hand is given to the advisers we are asked to send out, it will be very unlikely that the traditional and deeply-seated evils which have paralyzed both the Chinese army and navy can be removed. At all events, that must take some little time. We have found no unwillingness on the part of the Chinese Government, so far as I speak in principle, to accept our assistance. The only question is whether they will accept it under conditions which are likely to make it of real value, and on that point communications are still passing. Of course, we shall give them every facility in our power; but it is very difficult to reform those who do not wish to be reformed. As to those very satisfactory and hopeful sentiments which issued from the Throne, it has yet to be seen how far they permeate the great official bodies by which China is governed. I entirely concur with my noble friend, though I do not anticipate any danger in the immediate future, and though I do not think that any catastrophe is threatened, there can be but one end, one issue, to all these events as far as the Chinese Empire is concerned, unless their means of defending themselves both by the army and the navy are developed on lines involving an entire reform. (Hear, hear.) With respect to the railways, Sir Claude MacDowall has been informed by the Tung-ki-Yamds that in regard to this particular railway there has been no change. The concession granted to the Belgian syndicate in 1897 for the construction of the Pukow and Han-kuai line will be carried out by that syndicate, but the control remains with the Director-General of Railways. We have asked for some more information which has not yet reached us, but which I shall be happy to give to my noble friend the moment we receive it. The statement which I have made covers the negotiations as far as they have gone. I confess to some apprehension lest the great fear which animates most of the Powers may prevent the railway from being made at all. That is, I think, one of the serious dangers of the situation, but everything, as I informed the deputation on Wednesday, will be done by Her Majesty's Government to secure for capitalist concessions where they show a capacity for fulfilling the engagements that they undertake. I cannot promise that the Chinese Government will always grant to us more than to other Powers. But no effort on our side shall be wanting in order to induce the due appreciation of the valuable efforts which English capitalists are willing to make. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Hills thereupon telegraphed in the following terms to His Royal Highness:—"Exceedingly regret to confirm rumour of serious accident. Will notify your gracious expression of sympathy. Will send you to-night report of this unfortunate occurrence."

At 9 p.m. the following further telegram was received from York House:—"Have just received your telegram and learn with profound regret that the report respecting which we telegraphed to you is true, and big you to express to the families of the sufferers our sorrow for the calamity and our heartfelt sympathy with them in this terrible disaster.—Duke and Duchess of York."

A message was also received during Tuesday evening from Mr. Gorchein, First Lord of the Admiralty, conveying his sympathy.

Sir Arthur Blegge, on behalf of Her Majesty, sent the following telegram on Wednesday afternoon from Windsor to Mr. A. F. Hills:—"The Queen only heard on arrival here this morning of the terrible disaster which occurred at yesterday's launch of the *Albion*. Her Majesty desires me to express her distress at the great loss of life and her deep sympathy with the bereaved families."

Mr. Hills replied as follows:—"I beg gratefully to acknowledge Her Majesty's gracious message of sympathy in regard to the deplorable disaster at the launch of Her Majesty's ship *Albion* yesterday, which I am sure will be keenly appreciated by all involved in this sudden sorrow. Everything possible will be done for the immediate distress and to mitigate the shock of this terrible calamity."

A fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Blackwall disaster has been opened by the Mayor of West Ham. The Duke and Duchess of York have contributed twenty-five guineas, and the directors of the Thames Ironworks Company, 1,000 guineas.

A sailor's superstition has it that if the bottle of champagne used to christen a ship does not break the vessel will be unlucky. When the Duchess of York pressed the button on Tuesday the bottle did not break as it should have done, and one of the guests, probably well versed in nautical superstitions in the subject, stepped forward and smashed the bottle.

The *Albion*, if not absolutely the most powerful vessel that has been constructed for the Royal Marine, is the largest that has ever been built on the Thames. *Herald*.

LUMIERE'S CINEMATOGRAPH.

Last night Lumiere's Cinematograph was exhibited in Hongkong for the first time in a matched specially erected for the purpose near Pedder's Wharf. There was a large and appreciative audience and the various items of the programme were loudly applauded. Scenes from the Paris Opera Comique and the Jubilee Procession were represented together with a large collection of miscellaneous subjects including many humorous ones. The Lumiere's Cinematograph is an improvement upon similar instruments by which the trying vibrating effect of the pictures is reduced to a minimum. Once seen it is always appreciated and the only fear which we entertain for the success of the present series of entertainments is that when the excellence of the show becomes generally known the matched near Pedder's Wharf will be found totally unable to accommodate the audiences bound to be attracted. We trust that the promoters of the exhibition will receive all the support they deserve, not only on account of the attractions of their cinematograph but as a recognition of their place in exploiting Hongkong in the hot season.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE INVENTION.

A hydrographic engineer of St. Petersburg is reported to have invented an optical instrument by which one may distinguish objects in the water at a depth of 45 or 60 fms. The apparatus, which it is believed, will be of infinite value in examining wrecks, the foundations of docks, bridges and docks. It is composed of a pair of glasses similar to the field glass, to the further ends of which are long cylinders, which are placed in the water. At the extremity of the cylinders or tubes are shorter tubes, leaving the former at right angles, and at their extremity are hermetically sealed glass cases with glass fronts containing incandescent lamps. The object examined is illuminated by the lamps, and the image passing through the lower tube is reflected upwards by means of mirrors placed where the tubes are joined. Hence it is properly magnified by lenses before entering the retina of the eye. Captain Musyka, of the Austrian Navy, has experimented with the new apparatus under the most exacting circumstances, and is said to have found it of great use. He predicts that its utility is so broad that its limits cannot be seen or comprehended for some time to come.

diplomacy, which were entirely justifiable in the past, may no longer be applicable to the situation at which we have now arrived. All I hope is that our Minister at Pekin, whom I believe to be a very able man indeed, and Her Majesty's Government will do their best to adapt their methods to the new situation in which we find ourselves. If they do so, and use all the energy they have and apply every effort to support British capitalists in taking their share in railway enterprise in China, then I should look for very hopeful results. Of this I am quite certain—that the country here, especially those interested in Chinese affairs, are becoming fully alive to the necessities of the situation, and I cannot believe that enterprise will be wanting on their part to come forward with such propositions as may receive from Her Majesty's Government the support which has been promised to them. (Hear, hear.)—*Home News*.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

SATURDAY OF THE NIGER QUESTION.

After nearly thirty years of more or less angry wrangling Great Britain and France have amicably and equitably settled their difficulties in West Africa. That the agreement will satisfy everybody is not to be expected, but all know the complexity of the questions with which it deals, and are aware of the anxious and even perilous moments which have marked the negotiations of the two Governments, will be thankful that agreement so fair and honourable to both has at length been concluded. The Convention was signed on 14th ulto. on behalf of Great Britain, and now awaits ratification by the French Chamber. The following are the main points in the arrangement which has been come to between the two countries with regard to the disputed territory—

The French agree to evacuate Kishi, Bora, Ashigere, Klama (Kavaya), Busi (Boussi), Gomba, and Ilo, Niki—doubtful claim, so far as regards Great Britain—to be recognized as French. On the left bank of the Niger the French get a triangular piece of territory, whose base extends from Say to Ilo, and in return give two miles radius from Sokoto. The French also give Borno, including the portion which is east of the meridian passing through Barus. On the right bank of the Niger the French get the country from Say to Ilo, to which Great Britain has no claim; and also Gurna, to which our claim is doubtful. The French get thirty years' leases of bonded areas at Iba, and facilities for transit in bond. This is to secure the benefit of the navigable portion of the river. In return, they give thirty years' reciprocity for the whole of the West Coast Colonies from the Liberian frontier to the Niger. With respect to the Gold Coast, the French evacuate Wa, and probably Tomu and Leo. In return, Great Britain gives up Boni and Daukwa, which are practically in the French hinterland, and accept the Volta as the best natural boundary for the whole of the West Coast.

It is in the economic provisions that the Convention is most favourable to us. If we have divided up the contested areas in West Africa fairly with France, we have conquered the whole region for British trade. The principle of the "Open Door" is now firmly established throughout the magnificent bend of the Niger, and wherever that is accomplished actual sovereignty is of little importance to us.

THE ACHEEN WAR.

THE OUTBREAK AT EDI.

Details concerning the disturbances at Edi, in Acheen, have reached Peking. The Achinees are led by a fanatic who pretends to have lived as a hermit in the forests during the last twenty years. In honour of this long retirement from the world, the man is regarded as holy. He first appeared on the scene near Edi some five weeks ago, and has since been preaching the holy war. He is said to perform miracles and that score has drawn around him many followers. Gangs of Achinees, who live by plunder, joined the fanatic *Tungku Tapa*. The attack on the settlement of Edi took place on the afternoon of the 30th of June. Sixty men of the rebel band were slain in their first encounter with the Dutch troops, who on the 4th of July forced the remanuado to retreat to Edi. After their losing so many men who were left dead on the field of battle. Of the Dutch only one officer and fourteen men were wounded. Since then 115 more fanatics fell in another engagement.

NOT ANDA.

CALENDAR.

JULY.

*Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1898.*

Barometer ..... 29.73  
Thermometer ..... 81.5  
Humidity ..... 83  
Rainfall ..... 15.98

TODAY.

*WEATHER REPORT.*  
On date at On date at  
10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
Barometer ..... 29.80 29.74  
Thermometer ..... 80 84  
Humidity ..... 86 78  
Rainfall ..... 0.24

TODAY.

Thursday, 21st July, 1898.

Chinese—3rd of 8th moon of 24th year of K'uang-shi.  
Sun—Rises ..... 6hr. 27min.  
Sets ..... 6hr. 45min.

Moon—Last Quarter, 10hr. 45min. p.m.  
High water—Morning ..... 2hr. 10min.  
Afternoon ..... 7hr. 55min.

Low water—Morning ..... 7hr. 55min.  
Afternoon ..... 2hr. 41min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1795—Robert Burns died.

1839—Chinese servants of British subjects at Macao withdrawn by Lin.

1841—Tropical typhoon in Hongkong; 6 ships lost, 4 ran ashore, 22 damaged.

1842—Capture of Chinkiang by the British forces.

1882—Solemnity of Commander Scott of H.M.S. *Lobster* at Shanghai.

1891—Commercial Treaty between China and Japan signed.

1894—Collision between the steamer *Chingtu* and *Kachinata Maru* at Woosung.

1896—Suicide of Mr. J. Stewart at 3, Duddell Street.

TO-MORROW.

Friday, 22nd July, 1898.

(St. Mary Magdalene.)

Chinese—4th of 8th moon of 24th year of K'uang-shi.

Sun—Rises ..... 6hr. 26min.  
Sets ..... 6hr. 45min.

High water—Morning ..... 2hr. 11min.

Afternoon ..... 7hr. 55min.

Low water—Morning ..... 7hr. 55min.

Afternoon ..... 2hr. 41min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1863—The American barque *Bertha* unsuccessfully attacked by pirates near Stonecutters' Island.

1868—The *Providence*, collier ship, discovered off Hakodate with only 42 colliers on board and no Europeans.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this Day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the Half Year ended 30th June, 1898 of EIGHT PER CENT on the Paid up Capital. DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS on WEDNESDAY, the 27th July.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th to 27th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1898. [854]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 2nd August, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to and August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1898. [865]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of FOUR PER CENT for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1898, will be PAYABLE on the 25th July next, on which date DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to 25th July inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1898. [845]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of ONE PER CENT (ONE DOLLAR and FIFTY CENTS per SHARE) for the 6 Months ending 30th June, 1898, will be PAID to those Persons who are Registered as SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company on the 1st August, 1898.

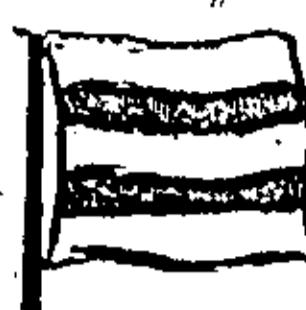
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th July to 1st August, both days inclusive.

By Order,

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
OMI MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 25th July, at 4 P.M.
C. Young	THURSDAY ISLAND, PORT DOUGLAS, TOWNSVILLE, MAC-KAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 29th July, at Noon.
YAMASHIRO MARU	MARSHALLS, LONDON, AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAO	TUESDAY, 2nd August, at 4 P.M.
J. Jones	THURSDAY, 4th August, at 4 P.M.	THURSDAY, 4th August, at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU	COLOMBO and PORT SAO	THURSDAY, 11th August, at 4 P.M.
W. Baldwin	COLOMBO and PORT SAO	TUESDAY, 12th August, at Noon.
IDEKU MARU	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 19th July, 1898.
R. Nisomo	VLADIVOSTOK, VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHENGDU, NAGASAKI	FRIDAY, 5th August, at Noon.
SENDAI MARU	FUSAN and GENSAN	THURSDAY, 11th August, at 4 P.M.
C. Olsen	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 12th August, at Noon.
KINSHISHI MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	J. Niel
F. J. Brown	COLOMBO	
MATSUYAMA MARU		
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A. S. MIHARA,  
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1898.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1898.

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Hongkong, 21st July, 1898.

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Hongkong, 21st July, 1898.

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Hongkong, 19th July, 1898.

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Hongkong, 15th July, 1898.

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